

Dear Bill,

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25X1A9a By a recent exchange of notices you no doubt have noted that we wont be able to get the procurement program underway until early May as I see it. In chatting with [REDACTED] this appears to be much too short a time to develop specifications, sent out the bids, review manufacturers proposals, and commit same to a contract by 30 June before the money expires.

This note is too simply advise you of the problem as it is tentatively beginning to shape up from where we sit. The problem as you have guessed is fiscal year expizing on 30 June and with the first allotment of funds we have for the program. You may thus want to discuss this further with the others concerned in order to be ready for a course of action to save the money for other useful purposes.

Here is what we are planning to do.

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1. As soon as the list of materials is received, I will hustle (on crutches, of course) to [REDACTED] where we will ~~make~~ make a complete analysis of the situation. I am in hopes that we can spend some of the money before the fiscal year ends but we will have to wait to see what they have decided on before we can finalyze the program.

2. Based on the decisions reached as a result of the above advise you folks of just what we can commit to contract, utilyzing current funds for this purpose. In all likelihood, we will have to cancel some and passibly all of the funds out for this year, and request new funds be committed to the program.

25X1A9a 3. In the event we are not able to obligate the money, urge [REDACTED] to continue work on the specifications so that we will not lose additional time between now and the time the new money is made available. Of course, we will not be able to obligate any amounts against the new money until it is received.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] threw another klinker into the woodpile concerning his own workload at this time of the year. Everybody and his dog who has any money left is banging away at him to get it obligated before 30 June. This, he says, will have a definite bearing and a material effect on processing our requirements. Nevertheless, we will hold off further comment until we have the list at hand and evaluated from a standpoint of time necessary to obligate our money. This information is sent to you for planning purposes but again, it looks pretty bleak at this time that we will be able to consumate the deal and use present money. You will hear from us after the steps ~~taken~~ referred to above have been completed.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] was here for only a short time and it was good to see him. I only wished he could have stayed longer to meet some of the people here but his schedule did not allow for such. His interest as you know was in airplanes

and he was kept very busy at this.

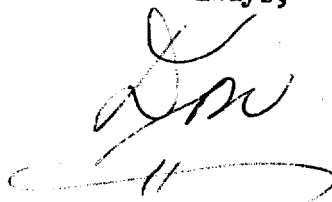
I am back on the job and feeling fine for the first time in over two years. I have my foot in a cast and am getting around on crutches fairly well. The operation was a complete success, according to the doctor, although I still have another two months ahead of me on crutches and a foot cast. The lengthy time in my case is occasioned by a bone graft they had to do in removing the diseased bone (portion, that is) from the foot, and they must be absolutely certain that the graft has healed and growing with the rest of the bone before placing full weight on the foot. But there is no pain to the foot now and that is good sign according to the docs; we have only the recovery period to complete before I will be back to normal and able to run a footrace with any others at my age.

If you have any further thoughts on the building program that you think I should act on, please feel free to bring them to my attention.

I do hope you are well and that you enjoyed the Cherry Blossoms which I understand were especially beautiful this year.

Give my best regards to Jim and all the others there in the shop. Keep smiling,

As always,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. Edgar Hoover", with a stylized flourish at the end.